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President's Message



W“The celebration continues!” That’s the theme for this year’s Homecoming! Indeed, the celebration of the 75th Anniversary does continue through this year, with several major events scheduled for the week of Homecoming – the entire week. You may refer to the schedule in this publication to review those events, times and places and the special flavor of the 75th celebration throughout the week.

One of the major events of the week will be held on Friday evening October 10 at the Thames Center, when we recognize three very important groups. First we will recognize nine individuals who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professions. Those individuals are featured within this publication. Having been selected by a special committee of alumni and 75th Anniversary leaders working with me, these individuals are to be congratulated upon receiving this very special honor.

In addition, Friday evening will be a time of special recognition of all members of the Co-Lin Athletic Hall of Fame, a very distinguished group of outstanding athletes in all sports who have been inducted into this elite group since 1978. The third group to be recognized on Friday evening will be the 854th Medical Collecting Company, a group of Co-Lin students called into military action to serve their country during the Korean conflict. This group has an outstanding record of support of the college and has a wonderful tradition of meeting as a group every single year during Homecoming week.

Other groups being honored during the week include former Alumni of the Year, retirees and former employees, those selected as Outstanding

Faculty and Staff members through the years, and those selected as “Most Beautiful” through the years. On Saturday morning members of the Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame will receive special recognition and thanks for their support of the college. Also, new members will be inducted into this elite group. One of the highlights of the week will be the showing of a video of past memories. This video will be shown for the first time on Wednesday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Thames Center. It will be shown several times on Saturday. Don’t miss it!

On Saturday there will be a buffet lunch at the Thames Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. for anyone who wishes to attend. Ticket information is included elsewhere in this publication. That luncheon will be similar to the traditional luncheon that has been held in the cafeteria in the past. Casual dress is appropriate.

Guests will also have an option to attend the “Tailgate Party” featuring Co-Lin alumnus Tricia Walker, a fish fry lunch, as well as hamburgers and hotdogs, at centre campus, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets for both of the lunch events will be available at each venue. Other entertainment will include local bands, the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band, and the Co-Lin cheerleaders.

It has truly been an exciting year as we celebrate 75 years as an institution of higher learning. I take this opportunity to express appreciation on behalf of the entire Co-Lin family to those who have supported us in this celebration. Join us for the events during Homecoming week!

Russell C. Jamn

Taylors give major gift toward Steinway piano

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Oxford have given a major gift of \$45,000 to the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation toward the purchase of a Steinway piano for the college's fine arts division.

"We are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for this generous gift," said Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner.

"This puts us well on our way toward reaching that goal of \$65,000."

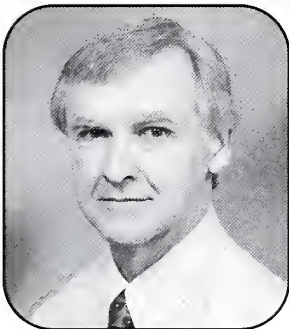
The college has set a goal to have the Steinway in time

for Cliburn gold medalist Olga Kern's performance in March 2004. A drive is currently underway to raise the remaining \$20,000. If you would like to make a donation toward this project, please contact Charlotte Hill, executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation at (601) 643-8313 or email charlotte.hill@colin.edu



Dr. Howell Garner (far left) and Charlotte Hill (far right) present the \$45,000 check on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor to Fine Arts Division Chair Brad Johnson (second from left) and Community Arts Series Chair Joan Harris.

David Campbell joins Co-Lin Alumni Affairs Office



David E. Campbell, a Franklin County native and resident, has joined Copiah-Lincoln Community College's staff as associate director of alumni affairs/speech instructor.

"I'm very pleased and excited to have David join our foundation/alumni affairs staff. His professional background and varied areas of expertise will strengthen our efforts, particularly in alumni

relations," said Charlotte Hill, executive director of the foundation and director of alumni affairs.

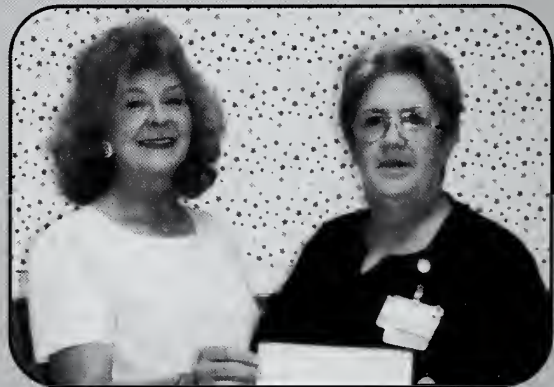
Campbell is a graduate of Co-Lin and the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a Master's of Science degree in communications with a minor in management. He has completed additional work at Southern Mississippi and Alcorn State University.

His career has spanned from weekly and daily newspapers to rural electrification. He worked in public relations with Magnolia Electric Power Association in McComb and Singing River Electric Power Association in Lucedale for more than 30 years.

Campbell is secretary-treasurer of the Franklin County Conservation District and a former state president of the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts. At Meadville he is active in civic and public affairs and writes a weekly

newspaper column, "South by Southwest," for the *Franklin Advocate* and *Wilk-Amite Record*.

He has three sons, David, Jr., an accountant with a Natchez firm; Patrick, a McComb homebuilder, and Scott, computer technologist for the Brookhaven School District.



CO-LIN RECEIVES WAL-MART GRANT - Charlotte Hill, executive director of Copiah Lincoln Community College Foundation (left) accepts a \$1,000 check from Ginny Bailey, community involvement coordinator for the Brookhaven Wal-Mart. The check is a matching grant made through the Wal-Mart Foundation to organizations that provide a service to the community. Gifts such as this are an important source of support for a variety of programs at the community college, Hill said.

2003 Homecoming Schedule

Tuesday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Women's Homecoming Golf Tournament, Wolf Hollow Golf Club

Tuesday, October 7

6:00 p.m. Reception for All Former Most Beautiful Winners, President's Home

7:00 p.m. Trillium Beauty Pageant, Rea Auditorium

Wednesday, October 8, History Day

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Premiere of 75th Anniversary Video, The Thames Center
(free to the public, refreshments will be served)

2:00 p.m. Reception for All Retired/Former Co-Lin Employees and
Recognition of All Former Outstanding Instructor and Staff Members, The Thames Center

3:00 p.m. Premiere of 75th Anniversary Video, The Thames Center

Friday, October 10

12 noon Men's Homecoming Golf Tournament, Wolf Hollow Golf Club

12 noon Class of 1948 Meeting and Luncheon, Anderson Building

7:00 p.m. Banquet honoring all former members of the Co-Lin Athletic Hall of Fame,
854th Medical Collecting Company and Distinguished Alumni Leaders, The Thames Center

Saturday, October 11, Homecoming Day

8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments, Anderson Building, The Thames Center or Mullen Gymnasium

9:00 a.m. Breakfast honoring all former Alumni of the Year,
Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame, Induction of 2003 Hall of Fame, The Thames Center

10:30 a.m. Reunions

- Athletic Reunion for All Former Players and Coaches, Mullen Gymnasium
- High School Class of 1963, Anderson Building
- Class of 1933, Counseling Center, Career Center
- Class of 1943, Student Services, Blue Room
- Class of 1953, Henley Building, Room H-2
- Class of 1963, Wolf Den
- Class of 1973, Counseling Center, Testing Center
- Class of 1983, Anderson Building
- Class of 1993, Anderson Building
- GRAD Club, Counseling Center Conference Room

11:30 a.m. Lunch
Tailgate Party with Live Entertainment/Activities for the Kids,
Centre Campus

(Lunch tickets for the Tailgate Party \$5.00 each. Look for the ticket table)

OR

Buffet Lunch, The Thames Center Wolf Hall
(Lunch tickets for the buffet luncheon are \$10 each and will be available at the door)

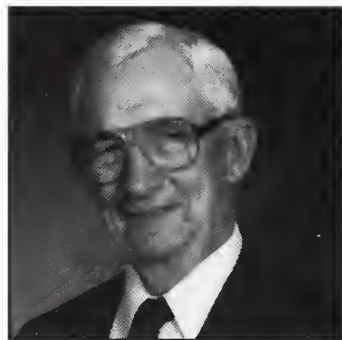
12:00 noon 75th Anniversary Video, The Thames Center Wolf Hall

2:00 p.m. Presentation of the 2003 Homecoming Court, H. L. Stone Stadium

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Mixer, The Thames Center
(for anyone who does not wish to attend the football game)

2:30 p.m. Football Game - Co-Lin Wolves vs. Hinds Eagles, H. L. Stone Stadium

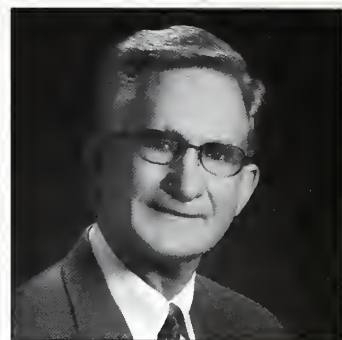
College honors nine distinguished alumni leaders



Ainsworth



Assink



Barr

Copiah-Lincoln will honor nine distinguished alumni leaders at a banquet on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m., at The Thames Center on the Wesson Campus. The college will also honor the members of the Copiah-Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame and the members of the 854th Medical Collecting Company.

Upon receiving nominations, a special committee met and selected nine alumni who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields. Those nine selected are Wiley Ainsworth of Magee; Terry Assink of Neenah, Wisconsin; Guy Barr of Monroe, Louisiana; Ben Durr of Uvalde, Texas; L. Frank Pitts of Dallas, Texas; C. Fred Taylor of Oxford; Dr. Billy B. Thames of Madison; Dr. Ed Thompson of Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. Kenneth Walley of Madison.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased through the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation Office at (601) 643-8313 or email kristi.cameron@colin.edu

Wiley Ainsworth

Wiley Ainsworth is a graduate of Magee High School (1947), Copiah-Lincoln Junior College (1949), and Mississippi State University (1952) with a degree in agriculture.

He served in the army for two years before marrying in 1956. He began farming on his family's home place in Magee. During the last 50 years he has been involved with cattle, hogs, broilers, catfish, muscadines, blueberries and harvesting Coastal Bermuda hay to sell to horse and cattle farmers.

Mr. Ainsworth worked closely with county agents and other farm agencies to upgrade his farming operations. At one time he had a 40-acre experimental plot to demonstrate a "cow & calf per acre" operation. Many people came and observed the demonstration. He hosted numerous visits from other farmers for demonstration of some of the grasses he has grown. During the National County Agents Convention held in Jackson a few years ago, his farm was one of the stops on their tour of Mississippi. In addition to farming, he sold and dressed catfish for several years.

Mr. Ainsworth has received numerous awards including Simpson County's Farm Family of the Year; Mississippi's Outstanding Farmer – presented by the Chamber of Commerce in Jackson; Outstanding Grassland Award for Farmers & Ranchers; Conservation Award; Magee Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen Award; and the Simpson County Junior Livestock Association's Dedication Award in Recognition for

Meritorious Service to 4-H.

He has also served as a director of the Magee Chamber of Commerce, director of the Mississippi School Boards Association; member of the Simpson County School Board; advisory director for Trustmark National Bank (1982-1999); and Simpson County representative of the Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association.

He and his wife, Rose, hosted a 4-H Club in their home for 10 years and served as leaders. He continues to support 4-H work in Simpson County and the state of Mississippi. For the last 17 years he has awarded each exhibitor at the Simpson County Junior Livestock Show a silver dollar.

A life-long member of Goodwater Baptist Church in Magee, Mr. Ainsworth presently serves as chairman of the deacons and is a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Ainsworth and his wife Rose are the parents of two sons, Randy (a graduate of Co-Lin and the University of Southern Mississippi) and Dan (attended Co-Lin and a graduate of Mississippi State University), and grandparents of four.

Terry Assink

Terry Assink is a graduate of Copiah Lincoln High School, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College (Class of 1967), and Mississippi State University where he earned a degree in chemical engineering. He received his master's degree in administrative science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

While at Copiah-Lincoln, Mr. Assink was elected sophomore class president and Mr. Copiah-Lincoln and was a member of the football, track and baseball teams. He was inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Foundation Hall of Fame in 2001.

He is employed by Kimberly-Clark Corporation, the manufacturer of Kleenex, Huggies and numerous other branded consumer packaged goods. He has held various positions of increasing responsibility in North America and Europe and is currently responsible for Kimberly-Clark's Global Information Systems organization as Vice President and Chief Information Officer. He has also worked for Monsanto Company, Schering-Plough Corporation and Magnavox Electronic Systems.

In 2002 he was chosen by Consumer Packaged Goods Technology Magazine as one of the top 25 most influential executives. He serves on advisory councils for Management Information Systems Departments at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the University of Texas in Austin. He also

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Durr



Pitts



Taylor

serves on the advisory committee for the Department of International Business at Marquette University and is a visiting lecturer at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Mr. Assink is married to the former Sandra Monroe (Co-Lin Class of 1969) and they have two sons Michael and Will. Although they reside in Neenah, Wisconsin, they have a home in Brookhaven and a farm in Lincoln County. He is the son of Lucille Assink and the late Noel Assink, who was the founding instructor of Copiah-Lincoln's data processing program.

Guy Barr

A native of Magee, Guy Barr began his formal education by attending Copiah-Lincoln Junior College (1960-1962). He graduated from Delta State University (1964) and later received a Master's degree from Northwestern University in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Mr. Barr enjoyed a successful coaching and teaching career for seven years before becoming a State Farm agent in 1972 in Baton Rouge. In 1974, he was promoted to agency manager; and in 1977

to agency director in the mid-south office located in Monroe, Louisiana. In 1981, he was promoted to State Farm's corporate headquarters, Bloomington, Illinois as an executive assistant and was then promoted to deputy regional vice president in the mid-south on January 1, 1985. He became mid-south's regional vice president for State Farm Insurance Companies in 1992. Mr. Barr retired December 31, 2001, after almost 30 years with State Farm.

He has served on numerous boards and commissions that oversee activities at universities, community civic organizations, Boy Scouts, church, as well as the insurance industry.

He currently serves on numerous boards of directors, including the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation, Advisory Board of Ouachita Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Northwestern State University Foundation, University of Louisiana at Monroe Scholarship Foundation, Council for a Better Louisiana, and the Northeast Louisiana Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Mr. Barr presently serves as Executive Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for Northeast Louisiana, member of a men's community prayer group, community prayer partners (pastors and invited community leaders), and works with

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddles in 88 junior and senior high schools along with three universities.

He was inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Athletic Hall of Fame (1986), Delta State University's Hall of Fame (1999), and Northwestern State University College of Business's Hall of Distinction (1999). He was also the recipient of Delta State University's Distinguished Statesmen Award (1999).

Mr. Barr received numerous honors including Ouachita Parish's Insurance Person of the Year in (1997) and received the Arthritis Foundation's Humanitarian Award (1998), Sam Walton Business Leader Award (1998), and Ouachita Valley Council's Silver Beaver Recipient (2003).

He is an active member of Parkview Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon. Mr. Barr is married to the former Loura Eastham (Co-Lin Class of 1962) and they have one son, Guy, III.

Ben M. Durr

A 1953 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Ben Durr entered the military as the youngest member of the Mississippi National Guard's 854th Medical Collecting Company. He was discharged at the age of 19 as a staff sergeant with a Purple Heart and a Combat Medical Badge with service in the 7th Cavalry Regiment – First Cavalry Division during the Korean Conflict.

At the age of 27, he became the youngest hospital CEO in Texas. He first managed Park Place Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas. Under his leadership, the hospital grew from 62 to 220 beds. In 11 years, Lifemark's growth evolved from a \$6 million dollar company to a \$720 million dollar company before being sold in 1981.

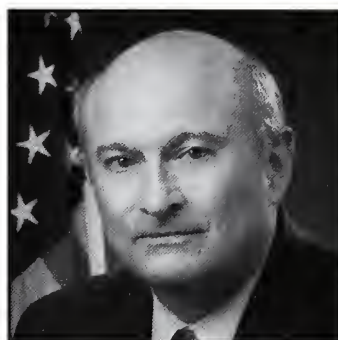
Mr. Durr returned to graduate school and received a master's degree in healthcare management from Trinity University in San Antonio. He became chief executive officer of the Uvalde County Hospital Authority in Uvalde, Texas. Under his guidance, the hospital grew from 111 employees, \$5 million dollar gross per year facility, to its present day 420 employees, \$50 million dollars gross per year facility.

During Mr. Durr's professional career in Health Care, he has been a leader and Chairman of the Southeast Texas Healthcare Council, founder of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), Chairman of the Greater

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Thames



Thompson



Walley

San Antonio hospital council, and served for 12 years on the Texas Board of Health. He also helped establish the Border Health Association in southwest Texas.

He has been honored by numerous organizations. He was the first recipient of the Texas Hospital Association's Gordon Russell Achievement Award; he received the Healthcare Executive Fellowship Award and the Senior Executive Achievement Award from the American College of Healthcare Association; and he was named Uvaldean of the Year. He has many other awards to his credit.

Mr. Durr was a guest lecturer at Fudan University in Shanghai, China on biomedical engineering in hospitals in 1987. He was selected Copiah-Lincoln's Alumnus of the Year in 1993 and inducted into the Foundation's Hall of Fame in 1994. He has been active in his community through civic endeavors, performed in community theater productions, and served as a Rotary Club President in both Port Arthur and Uvalde.

One of Mr. Durr's most satisfying achievements was authoring *Miss Emily: The Yellow Rose of Texas*, a novel about the true heroine during the Battle of San Jacinto, which set the stage for Texas to become a Republic. His book is one of the top sellers at the San Jacinto Monument Museum in La Porte, Texas.

Mr. Durr is currently the oldest hospital chief executive officer in Texas. He is married to the former Carolyn Leman of Port Arthur. They are the parents of three children and the grandparents of four.

L. Frank Pitts

L. Frank Pitts has been an independent oil and natural gas producer for over 60 years.

A 1931 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Mr. Pitts served as president of his class both his freshman and sophomore years. Mr. Pitts was selected Co-Lin's Alumnus of the Year in 1973 and was inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Foundation Hall of Fame in 1994.

Mr. Pitts has been actively involved in a wide range of industry associations and political action groups. He served two terms as president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association. Mr. Pitts has been appointed by Texas governors to numerous committees in the petroleum industry. A pioneer in geological research, Mr. Pitts was appointed to the Interstate Oil Gas Compact Commission by Texas

Governor Mark White in 1984. He currently serves under an appointment by former Texas Governor George W. Bush.

The many honors awarded him by industry associates include the Chief Roughneck Award (1979); Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners' highest honor, the Mr. TIPRO Award (1989); IPAA Karney Cochran Award (1993); the American Association of Petroleum Landmen's Distinguished Service Award and Special Award for Industry Leadership; John Rogers Award (1996); Pioneer of the Year Award (2001); and Texas Oil & Gas Association's Distinguished Service Award (1998).

As a dynamic spokesman for the energy industry in the United States, Mr. Pitts has been a frequent expert witness and conferee for the U.S. Congress.

As a popular speaker to civic groups, regional and national conventions, he has been interviewed by Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, and John Chancellor. Mr. Pitts has appeared on the MacNeil-Lehrer Report and William Buckley's Firing Line on the Public Broadcasting System, NBC's Today Show, ABC's Good Morning America, and various national and international cable news programs and documentaries.

Mr. Pitts has one daughter, Linda Pitts Custard, and three grandchildren.

C. Fred Taylor

A native of Gallman, Charles Fred Taylor graduated from Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High School in 1926. He was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, and baseball and was inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

He attended Mississippi State University in 1927 and transferred to Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, where he received a B.A. in economics in 1931. While there, he lettered in football and basketball. For three years following college graduation (1931-1934), he was a high school principal and football and basketball coach in Providence, Kentucky.

Mr. Taylor, a member of the Masonic Lodge, was inducted into the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum hall of Fame in October 1984. He has been the recipient of numerous agricultural, soil and conservation awards over the years. He was selected Citizen of the Year for the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. In 1998, Mr. Taylor and his wife, Jewett, were inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Foundation Hall of Fame. Mr. Taylor was selected Copiah-Lincoln Community College's

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Alumnus of the Year in 2000.

He was a life insurance general agent in Evansville and Kokomo, Indiana, from 1934-1958, at which time he retired to operate their 600-acre registered cattle farm in Oxford, which he and his wife, Jewett purchased in 1950. They restored an 1842 antebellum home, Sunset Hill, in 1958, where they presently reside.

Mr. Taylor's other accomplishments include serving as commissioner for the Lafayette County Soil and Water Conservation for 19 years, Director of the State SWCD Commissioners for 12 years, past president of the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, director of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce, member of the state board of directors for the Mississippi Affiliate American Heart Association and a member of the Transylvania University alumni board.

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank in Oxford and a member of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Cattleman's Association.

The Taylors have given two of the largest gifts the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation has ever received. These gifts have enabled the college to complete the Fred and Jewett Taylor Chapel in 1998 and to enhance the technology at The Billy B. Thames Conference Center in 2000.

Dr. Billy B. Thames

A Monticello native, Dr. Billy B. Thames, is a 1954 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln. He was a member of the men's basketball team, a campus favorite, and selected for the college's first Hall of Fame. He earned his bachelor, master and doctorate degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi.

In January 1968, Dr. Thames became the fourth president of Copiah-Lincoln, a position he held until his retirement in June 1997. During his tenure as president, 15 new buildings were added to the Wesson campus, Co-Lin added the Natchez Campus, the budget grew from \$500,000 to \$25 million dollars, the college grew in tradition and reputation for academic excellence, and the college added several new programs, especially in the career and technical area.

He was selected Alumnus of the Year in 1970 and was inducted into the Copiah-Lincoln's Foundation Hall of Fame in 2000. The Billy B. Thames Conference Center on the Wesson campus was dedicated in February 2000 as a symbol of appreciation of his 29 and a half years of service to the college.

Dr. Thames serves as chairman of the deacons at First Baptist Church of Madison, director of the Madison County Lions Club, the Madison County Economic Development Foundation, the Mississippi Nurses Foundation and the Mississippi Retired Public Employees Association.

He and his wife, Anne, presently reside in Madison County. They are the parents of three children, Dr. Rachel Thames Peeples, Rebecca Thames Wilson, and Lt. William B. Thames, Jr. and the grandparents of five. All three of their children are Co-Lin graduates.

Dr. Ed Thompson

Dr. Ed Thompson is deputy director for public health services of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

Before coming to CDC, Dr. Thompson served for nine and one-half years as the State Health Officer of Mississippi. He holds an M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and an M.P.H. degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He is board certified in Preventive Medicine. Dr. Thompson is a 1967 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln and was selected Co-Lin's Alumnus of the Year in 1989.

Prior to becoming Mississippi's State Health Officer, he served as Mississippi's State Epidemiologist for 10 years. He is a past president of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO).

Dr. Thompson served a four-year term on the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and was a member the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Department of Health and Human Services' Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness.

Dr. E. Kenneth Walley

A Vicksburg native, Dr. Kenneth Walley is an orthodontist with a practice in Jackson and Madison. He also serves as a clinical professor of orthodontics at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

Dr. Walley is a 1968 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln. He received his bachelor of science from Mississippi College, his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Tennessee and his master of science of orthodontics from St. Louis University.

He is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, past president of the Mississippi Association of Orthodontics, diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, and a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis University Orthodontic Research Foundation.

Dr. Walley has also served as a clinical associate professor of orthodontics and a clinical assistant professor of orthodontics at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry. In 1988, Dr. Walley was selected as Copiah-Lincoln's Alumnus of the Year. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Madison where he is an adult Sunday school teacher and a member of the adult choir. He and his wife, the former Rebecca Applewhite, are the parents of two sons, Kenneth, Jr. and Richard.



The Copiah-Lincoln Community Arts Series will present another exciting season of performances in 2003-2004.

This year's *Aficionado* Series will feature an encore performance from the 2001 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Gold Medalist Olga Kern. Also highlighting the *Aficionado* Series will be performances by one of Holland's premier vocal ensembles, Quink; the South's premier brass ensemble, Norem Brass Quintet; and A Mixed Company's performance of the Pulitzer-Prize winning play by Alfred Uhry, *Driving Miss Daisy*.

The popular Showcase Series will feature performances by pianist Rosangela Yazbec Sebba, baritone Walter Swan, tenor Paul Saik and guitarist Kurt Martinez. Two art exhibits will feature the works of Brookhaven artist Vicki Land and New York artist Lori Felix.

Aficionado Series

Norem Brass Quintet

September 15, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

Rea Auditorium



The Norem Brass Quintet's repertoire spans all musical eras from the Renaissance through the modern age.

Founded in the early 1970's, the faculty brass quintet at Louisiana State University has existed in several formats. The quintet maintains an active schedule of performances at regional and national venues as well as conducting performance clinics throughout the Southeastern United States.

Members of the group include James West and Rex Richardson (trumpets), Seth Orgel (horn), Larry Campbell (trombone), and Joseph Skillen (tuba).

Driving Miss Daisy

October 20, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Rea Auditorium



"Driving Miss Daisy," the Pulitzer-Prize winning play by Alfred Uhry, presents a sentimental, bittersweet, always engaging view of life based on Uhry's remembrances of growing up in Atlanta. This three-character work reflects the changing world over a span of 25 years, as illustrated in a relationship that evolves with humor, warmth and poignancy. It presents a growing friendship rooted in caring, while indirectly addressing issues of prejudice, dependence and pride.

This production features A Mixed Company, a repertory company composed of professional actors with vast experience on stage, screen and television.

Quink

February 3, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

The Thames Center



This remarkable group of five Dutch singers has developed a special style and established a reputation for captivating its audiences with expressive programs of varied repertoire.

These singers, who are also experienced soloists, find themselves at home in many areas of the *a cappella* repertoire, performing music from different periods in authentic style. Their vast repertoire of *a cappella* music varies from early Renaissance to music from our own era.

Olga Kern

March 1, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

Rea Auditorium



In June 2001, Olga Kern was awarded the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Gold Medal at the 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition - the first woman to have achieved this distinction in more than 30 years. Captivating fans and critics alike with her passionately confident musicianship and vivid stage presence, she was awarded international concert engagements and career management, as well as a compact disc recording of her award-winning Cliburn Competition performances for the *Harmonia Mundi* label.

Kern made her Boston Pops debut during the summer of 2001 and performed at the Kennedy Center with noted soprano Renee Fleming in tribute to Van Cliburn in December 2001. Internationally, Kern performed in France, Germany, Italy, and Russia, in addition to an extensive tour of South Africa in June of 2002.

The Showcase Series

Rosangela Sebba

September 29, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Auditorium

Brazilian pianist Dr. Rosangela Yazbec Sebba has won many national competitions including "Most Talented and Musical" in the National Piano Competition in Sao Paulo City, Brazil in 1990. She has accompanied master classes of renowned artists such as Winton Marsalis, Emerson String Quartet, Joseph Robinson, Csaba Erdelyi, and Leontyne Price. Sebba is specialized in Brazilian music and has been giving lectures and recitals in Brazil, the United States and Costa Rica.

Vicki Land Exhibit

October 13-November 14, 2003

The Thames Center

Brookhaven artist Vicki Land has enjoyed creating art all her life. She is currently focused on watercolor, but also enjoys working with clay and pen and ink. She has recently moved into a new studio which overlooks a small pond and gently rolling hills where she escapes with her art. Land taught at Brookhaven High School and more recently served as adjudicator for the first class of the Mississippi School of the Arts.

Walter Swan

November 20, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Auditorium

Praised by opera legend, Leontyne Price and Metropolitan affiliate, Charles Rejcek, baritone Walter Swan is presently an active concert performer, church music director and music educator in the Jackson-Vicksburg area. His soothing voice has captivated audiences of many different genres. His credits include: numerous winnings in NATS (National Association for Teachers of Singing) competitions, Brookhaven's Matinee Music Club, University Club in Jackson, solo roles in Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Messiah*, and opera roles in H.M.S. *Pinafore*. Swan is a frequent performer with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra.

Paul Saik

January 15, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Auditorium

Tenor Paul Saik has performed in numerous operatic roles including Remendado in *Carmen*, Pang in *Turandot* and in the title role in *Candide* as part of the Des Moines Metro Opera's 2002 Summer Session. The Jackson, Mississippi native received the Richard F. Gold Career Grant from the Shoshana Foundation in 1999. In May of 2000, Saik was named the winner of Opera Birmingham's W. Cassell Stewart Vocal Competition. A versatile singer, Saik's performances have included Count Almaviva in *The Barber of Seville* and Sid in *Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing*. His international debut came as Sam Kaplan in the *Street Scene* during the Des Moines Metro Opera's 1999 season.

Kurt Martinez

February 16, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

The Thames Center

Guitarist Kurt Martinez has studied with some of the finest international instructors in the world including Javier Calderon, John Sutherland and Juan Mercandal. He has performed in master classes for many world-renowned performers including Christopher Parkening and Manel Barrueco. His studies have taken him to Europe where he attended the Corsi Internazionali di Chitarra in Muzzano, Italy and earned a Diploma di Perfezionamento under the tutelage of Angelo Gilardino and Luigi Biscaldi. Aside from studying classical music, Martinez has studied Flamenco with the celebrated Flamenco Guitarist and dancer Ricardo Montes. He has appeared in recitals throughout the United States, Italy and Mexico.

Lori Felix Exhibit

March 2004

The Thames Center

New York artist Lori Felix has been painting and exhibiting in fine art galleries for over 25 years. She is the recipient of many scholarships and awards including the prestigious "Salvador Dali Traveling Award." Felix has painted many murals throughout the United States and Mexico. Her works are dedicated to the study of the many complex forms, textures and colors found within nature. She now resides in rural Mississippi and is expanding into more three-dimensional works.

Season tickets for all four performances and the post-concert receptions in the *Aficionado* Series are \$30 for adults and \$25 for senior citizens. Season tickets for all four performances are \$15 for students. Tickets are available at the Co-Lin Business Office.

Single performance tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$6 for students and will be available at the door the evening of the performance.

10th Annual Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic

Valley Innovative Services captures second Golf Classic title

Valley Innovative Services Team No. 2 captured their second consecutive Corporate Championship in the 10th Annual Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation Golf Classic held at Wolf Hollow Golf Club. The team of Jim Walt, Mike Craft, Jay Ciaccio and Ken Ricketts shot a 16-under-par 55 in the 18-hole scramble to win the crown.

Brookhaven-based Quality Home Oxygen took their third straight Low Gross title defeating Peoples Bank of Franklin County in a tiebreaker. Members of the team were Don Coleman, Rob Fisher, Brooks Warren and Craig Smith. The Low Net title went to the Nestles team of Lamar Banks, Thad O'Neal, Justin Garner and Paul Johnson.

A thunderstorm delayed a portion of the morning round causing the afternoon session to start 30 minutes late. The 18-hole scramble attracted a record number 96 participants who composed 24 teams.

"We are so pleased with the level of participation," said Charlotte Hill, Co-Lin Foundation's Executive Director. "We especially appreciate the area businesses who donated door prizes and were hole sponsors."

On-course awards presented to Dr. Paul Johnson, closest to the pin No. 4; Jay Ciaccio, closest to the pin no. 14; Craig Smith, longest drive no. 2; and David Bishop, longest putt no. 9.

Peoples Bank of Franklin County President Larry Hill of Meadville served as this year's honorary starter. Hill is a Co-Lin graduate and member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

10th Annual Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic Results:

Corporate Champion - Valley Innovative Services No. 2- 55

Low Net - Nestles -58

Low Gross - Quality Home Oxygen- 56

Team Scores:

55 - Valley Innovative Services No. 2 (Jim Walt, Jay Ciaccio, Mike Craft, Ken Ricketts)

56 - Quality Home Oxygen (Don Coleman, Rob Fisher, Craig Smith, Brooks Warren), Peoples Bank of Franklin County (Larry Hill, Eric Smith, Johnny Monroe, Randy Martin)

57 - Wesson Ace Hardware (Tim Sutton, Scott Langley, Kelvin Locke, Walt Schimmell)

58 - Nestles (Lamar Banks, Thad O'Neal, Justin Garner, Dr. Paul Johnson)

60 - Co-Lin No. 1 (Dr. Howell Garner, Dr. Paul Johnson, Justin Garner, Danny Dykes)

61 - Tommy Jolly, Richard Furr, Donald Keene, Ronnie Keene; Pat Lowery, Chris Shelley, Bill Sweatman, Rusty Adcock

62 - Stan Winborne, Lavelle Sullivan, Kelly Cooney, Darrell Easley; Beau Pre (Jeff Trecoat, Tommy Geohegan, Henry Brumfield, Howard French)

63 - Copiah Rehabilitation Center (Joey McNulty, Pax Mogenson, Dr. Bobby Jones, Joey Albritton); Valley Innovative Services No. 1 (Elmer McInnis, John Covert, Benny Anderson, Victor Suggs)

64 - Georgia-Pacific II (John Holloway, Micky Little, Sam Porter, Michael Osborne)

65 - Co-Lin No. 3 (Paul Purvis, Laurin Collins, Albert Hennington, Jody Ray), Honda of Brookhaven (John Beacham, Wilson Winstead, Brannon Craig, Ryan Barnscastle); Trustmark (Scott King, Art Stevens, Jerry Hall, Gray Wiggers)

66 - Georgia-Pacific I (David Bishop, Darren Sims, Kim Grantham, Terry Cutler); (Dr. Chip Holbrook, Preston Gordon, Jeff Smith, Dennis Berch)



67 – Consultrix an Extreme Networks (Mike Miller, Jay Gardner, Joey Newell, J.P. McInnis); Respiratory Care Program (Walt Wilson, Mark LaFrancis, Ronnie Harris, Jimmy Searcy)
 68 – Entergy (Kenny Goza, Bill Marshall, John Wesley, Anthony Bell)
 70 – Co-Lin No. 2 (Dr. Billy Stewart, J.P. McInnis, Sharon Alexander, Keith Case)
 72 – Bill Sabitinni, Michael Tanner, Tom Goetz, Sonny Hill
 73 – Sysco Food Service (Don Nyberg, Greg Carroll, Tau Iosia, Larry M. Hill)



COPORATE CHAMPIONS – Valley Innovative Services No. 2 won the Corporate Team Championship at the 10th Annual Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic. Team members are seated from left, Mike Craft and Jim Walt; standing from left, Ken Ricketts and Jay Ciaccio.



HONORARY STARTER - Larry Hill of Meadville was this year's honorary starter for Copiah-Lincoln Community College's 10th Annual Golf Classic. Hill, a Co-Lin graduate, was playing with the Peoples Bank of Franklin County team.



LOW GROSS WINNERS – Brookhaven-based Quality Home Oxygen won the Low Gross title in the 10th Annual Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic at the Wolf Hollow Golf Club for the second straight year. Members of the Quality Home Oxygen team were seated from left, Brooks Warren and Rob Fisher; standing from left, Craig Smith and Don Coleman.



LOW NET WINNERS – Nestles won the Low Net title in the 10th Annual Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic. Team members are seated from left, Justin Garner and Lamar Banks; standing from left Thad O'Neal and Dr. Paul Johnson.



ON-COURSE WINNERS – Winners of on-course prizes were seated from left, David Bishop, longest putt; and Dr. Paul Johnson, closest to pin on No. 4; standing from left, Craig Smith, longest drive No. 2; and Jay Ciaccio, closest to pin on No. 14.



Tricia Walker headlines Tailgate Party entertainment



Singer/songwriter Tricia Walker of Nashville will headline this year's Tailgate Party on Homecoming Day. Other entertainment will include other local bands, the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band, and the Co-Lin Cheerleaders.

The tailgate party will begin at 11:30 a.m. in centre campus. Your choice of a catfish plate, provided by the world famous Georgia-Pacific Catfish Cookin Team, or hamburgers

and hotdogs with all the trimmings will be available. Lunch tickets will be \$5 and available at the the party.

Former Most Beautiful winners to be recognized at annual Trillium Beauty Pageant

To kickoff Homecoming Week activities, all former Copiah-Lincoln Most Beautiful winners will be honored at a reception at the home of Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner on Tuesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. Each former Most Beautiful will be recognized at this year's Trillium Beauty Pageant which begins at 7:00 p.m. in Rea Auditorium.

The Co-Lin Foundation/Alumni Affairs Office is currently looking for the addresses of these former Most Beautiful winners:

Jane Barlow
Adrienne Barrow
Martha May
Audrey Broom
Marie Watts
Virginia Hyer
Janice Sanderson
Betty Jo Flowers
Mary Sue Covington
Carolyn Case
Roselynn Smith
Laverne Thames
Charlotte Roberts
Rita Floyd

Rene Frazier
Ann Terwilliger
Lesia Smith
Becky Cosson
Ginny Britt
Diane Dees
Donna Currie
Edith Anderson
Anita Chapman
Cyndi Butler
Sandy Keys (Graham)
Terri Dunaway (Boyte)
Jennifer Patrick (Green)
Brandy Raiford

If your name is on this list or you know how to contact someone on this list, please call the Foundation Office at (601) 643-8313 or email kristi.cameron@colin.edu or the Public Relations Office at (601) 643-8494.

Born and raised in Jefferson County, Mississippi, Tricia Walker has become one of the clearest voices of her own time and place. Her music is steeped in the passion, pain and grace of the American South, influenced as much by the social turbulence of the 1960s as by the R&B, gospel and swing she grew up listening to. She formed her first band at the age of 13, supplementing formal piano training with the time-honored tradition of copying guitar licks from records and radio.

A 1972 Co-Lin graduate, Ms. Walker earned a music education degree from Delta State University. While working on her master's, she played clubs and festivals in Mississippi and Louisiana. Her growing interest in songwriting led to honors at the Mississippi and American Song Festivals in 1979. She moved to Nashville in 1980 and signed as a staff writer with gospel giant Word, Inc. in 1982. Cuts on Grammy-nominated records by Debby Boone, The Imperials and Kathy Troccoli and Tricia's frequent live performances in Nashville clubs brought her to the attention of producer Jerry Kennedy. She joined his Polygram stable of writers, and had songs recorded by Mel McDaniel, Moe Bandy, Karen Staley, Patty Loveless, Faith Hill and Alison Krauss, who won a Grammy for her performance of Tricia's song, "Looking In The Eyes Of Love."

In 1990, Tricia co-founded Crossfield Music, a publishing and production company where she served as creative director and oversaw a staff of five writers. Her production credits include a diverse collection of styles, including Americana, contemporary Christian, pop, country, and children's music.

Her instrumental skills earned her a spot backing Grand Ole Opry star Connie Smith, with whom she played for six years, and she toured extensively with Paul Overstreet and Shania Twain as a keyboard player and vocalist. She was a member of the original "Women In The Round," a foursome that included Karen Staley, Pam Tillis and Ashley Cleveland. The group's performances at Nashville's Bluebird Cafe have become legend, but her focus remains fixed on her own music. She has been a New Folk winner at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival, a featured performer at Nashville's Tin Pan South songwriting festival, and showcased at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin and Crossroads Festival in Memphis.

Songs with a conscience have always been an important part of her song list, from her "Down In Capetown" which reflects on apartheid to "Halfway Around The World" written after the Tianemen Square uprising to "What A Wonderful Day!" written at the request of a friend for breast cancer survivors.

Ms. Walker always offers an entertaining slice of her places and times, delivered with a beautiful voice and the ease of a veteran entertainer. Southern style never had it so good. She was inducted into Copiah-Lincoln's Literary Hall of Fame in May of this year.

Homecoming 2003
the celebration continues



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Dear Alumni and Friends:

We trust that you are making your plans to be at Co-Lin for the many special activities during the week of October 7 – 11 as we continue to celebrate Co-Lin's 75th anniversary and Homecoming. Highlights and photos from previously held 75th anniversary events can be found on the Co-Lin webpage at www.colin.edu, then by clicking on the 75th logo in the right hand corner of the page.

We are excited about the many activities and recognitions that have been planned for our alumni. Please refer to page 3 where the entire week's events are listed.

For your convenience we will have three registration sites available on Saturday at The Anderson Building, The Thames Center and Mullen Gymnasium.

We are excited about the production of the 75th anniversary video featuring highlights of the college's history. Scheduled showings of the video, which are free to the public, will be on Wednesday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served. That afternoon a reception honoring all former and retired Co-Lin personnel will be held at 2:00 p.m. followed by a showing of the video at 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the 75th anniversary video may be purchased on CD or VCR for \$10.00 each. They will be available at the Thames Center, the tailgate site and the football game. A 75th anniversary collage has also been made available for purchase for \$20 and will also be available at The

Thames Center, the tailgate site and the football game.

Special entertainment at the tailgate luncheon will feature Co-Lin alumnus and singer/songwriter Tricia Walker of Nashville. Other entertainment will include local bands, the Co-Lin Blue Wave Show Band and the Co-Lin Cheerleaders.

In addition, the 75th anniversary video will be shown and the Homecoming Court will be introduced at the buffet luncheon. As an added surprise, the Homecoming Court will enter the stadium near the Pitts Field house, riding in vintage cars. The court presentation is at 2:00 p.m. with football game kickoff at 2:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at various places on campus.

Co-Lin's 75th Anniversary Homecoming celebration will conclude after the ballgame, but we believe our alumni and guests will leave with warmest feelings about good friends, good times, and a renewed love for Copiah-Lincoln.

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Athlete Reunion

A reunion is planned for all former Co-Lin athletes on Saturday, October 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Mullen Gymnasium. Memorabilia, scrapbooks, photos and trophies will be on display. All former athletes are asked to contact the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation/Alumni Affairs Office at (601) 643-8313 or email kristi.cameron@colin.edu for details.



Alumni Spotlight: Ben Dunaway

By Elizabeth Chapman



Ben Dunaway (left) receives the Student of the Year Award in Computer Programming from Louis Dugas, Dean Career and Technical Instruction at the college's annual Awards Day.

A disability is looked upon as a struggle, but for Ben Dunaway it was just a milestone in life, and one he does not let stop him from achieving his goals.

In the late 1960's, the advancement of medicine was progressing, but not enough to help save his eyesight. The congenital cataracts in his eyes were not discovered until he was 18 months old, therefore; they caused permanent damage. Symptoms of congenital cataracts are opacity of the lens, often evident at birth without special viewing equipment and appearance of whitish discoloration in an otherwise normally dark pupil. In infants, it is the failure to show visual awareness of the world around them. Dunaway has undergone four surgeries in each eye, but in the end the surgeries caused damage to the lens and the optic nerve.

"I am blessed with more vision than my uncle who was born in the 1930's," said Dunaway. "I guess it all depends on when you were born."

During the time of his uncle's birth there was no hope in correcting his eyesight and in Dunaway's case there was little more hope, but with today's advanced medical technology the surgical removal of the cataracts is a routine experience with usually excellent results.

Ben had a usual kid's life. He went through school like a normal student at Brookhaven Academy; he never wanted to go to a school for the blind. After he graduated from high school, his parents bought him and his brother a new computer. He was self-taught in the operations of the Mac.

"I would read over and over the DOS book," said Dunaway. "I loved it, but I just thought of it as a hobby."

This hobby turned into a job for him at his family's business, Dunaway Equipment Company in Brookhaven. He wanted to take this moneymaking hobby further by going back to school.

"I wanted to come back to school to learn something that could carry me away from the family business," said Dunaway. "My philosophy is that you might have the skills, but you need the piece of paper that you get from college."

When I was thinking about going back to school, I was concerned about making the bills and caring for my family. My

wife, Annette, encouraged my every step of the way. Dunaway does not let his "disability" stop him from doing anything but driving; it does not seem to bother him since it gives Ben and his wife a few more minutes together. She is 99% of his's transportation and 100% of his much-needed support.

"My biggest struggle was getting adjusted to the whole idea of going back to school after being out for so long," said Dunaway. "Just the idea of learning something new everyday was a big obstacle."

Dunaway decided to come to Co-Lin due to the fact that it was close to home and offered a friendly atmosphere. The instructor that sticks out in his mind as someone who went the extra five miles for him was Chet Smith, computer information systems technology instructor.

Smith had Dunaway in two of his computer classes in Co-Lin's technology center. The only struggle Dunaway had in his class was his vision problem, but he would never let that slow him down. The technology center brought in large monitors to help Dunaway with his vision and on test day an extra copy was made with larger print. When Smith would use the projector in class, he would just listen and follow along with no problem. Smith said that Dunaway would never quit working on something and he like to pick your brain on a subject, because that is just how he was, always wanting to better himself by learning as much as possible.

"He would prepare for class every night," said Smith. "He said that the weekdays were for school and the weekends were for playing computer games. He read his assignments every night and did extra work because he loved learning. If Ben made anything less than an A on a test I better have a good explanation and reference page to show him why he missed what he did."

Dunaway was not just a student, but also a teacher to his instructors and fellow students. Smith remembers that Dunaway taught him something that could be used in his classroom and everyday life; if you believe you can do something do not let nothing hold you back. He also taught people to take what life gives you and make the best of it and that something is only as bad as you let it be.

Dunaway will also never forget Charles Hart's accounting class and having to read and work all of those problems. The one thing that will always be embedded in his mind is the nice and friendly people who would help him with board work in his accounting class.

He is now working as an entry-level programmer from Farm Bureau in Jackson and will be trained to become a technical back-up.

"God has had his hand in everything because the person that I am learning to be a back up for is a good friend and also the person that I will commute with back and forth to work," said Dunaway.

"I am not through with learning because I want to take night classes to perfect my skill. I feel like I am on top of the mountain and it is because I did not let fear be the deciding factor in my life."

Deep Co-Lin roots fuel a passion for the college

By David Campbell, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs

Johnnie Carlisle has a passion for Copiah-Lincoln Community College. "I want everyone to love Co-Lin like I do," Carlisle said.

She has held every office in the Alumni Association, been a Foundation board member and is the incoming president of the Foundation board. Now communications manager for the Monticello mill of Georgia Pacific, Carlisle has contributed financially and in time and effort to improve Co-Lin.

Her Co-Lin roots run deep. She attended high school on Co-Lin's campus and graduated from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in 1963. Even during the years she lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and worked at Ingalls Shipbuilding she returned to Wesson for homecoming.

"I just have a love for the school and its people," she stressed. The instructors are more interested in you than at a larger college, she explained. "I encourage others to go to a community college," she said.

Carlisle's passion for Co-Lin drew both her daughter, Julie, and son, Jamie, to Co-Lin. "I grew up around all my mother's Colette buddies and was driven to follow in her footsteps," Julie, now a Baton Rouge real estate agent, said. Jamie operates a poultry farm in the Strong Hope community near Wesson.

"She was a Colette and selected Most Beautiful, and I was highly motivated to do what she did," Julie said. Johnnie was Most Beautiful her freshman year, a Beauty her sophomore year and head Colette her sophomore year. Daughter Julie followed her mother as a Beauty in 1985 and Most Beautiful in 1986, plus spent a year as a Colette. Julie said that all through her youth she followed her mother back to Co-Lin for events. "That just drew me to go to Co-Lin where both my mother and father attended," she said.

Julie majored in art but has followed a career in sales, restaurant operation and real estate. Johnnie, the former Johnnie Ruth Carpenter, majored in stenography and evolved into public relations and public affairs through Ingalls and Georgia Pacific.

Johnnie's Co-Lin friendships also run deep. "When we get together it's just like we are back in school." She talks almost weekly to her former roommate at Co-Lin. "With new friends you just don't have a history," Carlisle said. She also has fond memories of her experiences in the band and Colettes.

Carlisle is working on the Co-Lin Class of 1963 reunion, planned for 10:30 a. m., Saturday, October 11 at Wolf Den during Homecoming. "We're encouraging all class members and friends of the class to attend," she said.

"I think friends become more meaningful as we get older. Some of



Johnnie Ruth Carpenter Carlisle
Most Beautiful 1962



Julie Carlisle
Most Beautiful 1986



Johnnie and Julie have deep roots at Co-Lin.

my very best friends have been from Co-Lin," she said. Homecoming is a time for Carlisle and others to re-connect with those friendships.

Attention Co-Lin Alumni and Friends:

Let us know where you are and what you are doing! Send us the following information:

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name while at Co-Lin (if different): _____

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Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Tell Us Your News! _____

Year Graduated: _____

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Youth and speed to highlight Wolves in 2003

By James O. Covington

If you look at the Co-Lin football field house closely you can see the changes head coach David Poinsett has brought and labored for during the summer, his only request is for it all to come together on the field and in the classroom this season. Poinsett has "faith" in his young team, which return only 16 sophomores from last year's 3-7 team.

"We should be interesting this year to say the least," said Poinsett who enters his third at the Co-Lin and his second at the helm. "Speed is something I feel we have a lot of, hopefully that will translate into more victories than losses."

Besides painting and renovating the field house, Poinsett has also worked on getting the best out of his players. He wants the 2003 season to be a building block for the program, and from paintbrush to chalk board; he's established a program committed to excellence.

"I want everybody that's part of this team to feel comfortable and good about what we're doing," said Poinsett. "Our sophomores know we had a hard season last year, but we're all optimistic this year for better days."

Thirty-eight freshmen will join the 16 returnees to give the Wolves a stout gridiron punch this year. Feature players returning include speedy defensive ends Dusty Shack (6-3, 252) of Mendenhall, and Adam Speeg (6-2, 240) of Loyd Star. Speeg missed a majority of his freshmen season due to a knee injury.

Linebacker Tim Dobbins (6-3, 240) returns as one top tacklers from last season's squad. Defensive back Howard Overby of Mendenhall returns to lead the Wolves secondary.

"Staying healthy will be key," added Poinsett. "Last year injuries hurt us at nearly every position it seemed. This year hopefully we can stay healthy and do better."

Co-Lin lost four All-Star players to senior colleges, tight end Fred Perkins of Brookhaven (Southern University), linebacker Don Expose of Brookhaven (Southern University), offensive lineman Terrell Showers of Monticello (Florida A&M), and

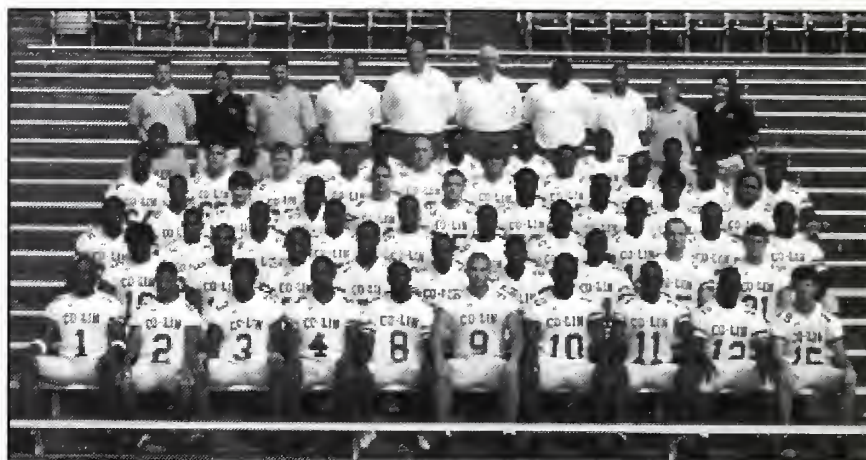


Photo by JOHNNY SMITH

The 2003 Co-Lin Wolves.

offensive lineman Broderick Jones of Stone Mountain, GA., (Ole Miss walk-on).

"We lost some key players to graduation and to some other stuff, but still we return a good cast on both sides," said Poinsett.

Key offensive returnees include wide receiver Jonathan McLaurin (5-9, 185) of Pinola and tight end Billy Williams (6-1, 205) of Brookhaven. Enterprise products Shermaine Vaughn (6-1, 200) and Bobby Smith (5-11, 225) return to the Co-Lin backfield. Jonathan Eley (6-0, 265) of Monticello also returns at running back.

Punter Thomas Garland (5-11, 165) of Crystal Springs returns for his sophomore season on special teams.

Quarterback and offensive line positions are up for grabs and a true set of starters may not be determined until mid-season. Several incoming freshmen and reserved sophomores will compete for the quarterback job and line spots.

Poinsett's staff includes Laurin Collins, Paul Purvis, and Calvin Green. Each is optimistic and excited about the 2003 season.

2003 Copiah-Lincoln Community College Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thursday, September 4	Mississippi Delta	Moorhead	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 13	Coahoma	Clarksdale	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 18	Mississippi Gulf Coast	Wesson	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 27	Jones County	Ellisville	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4	East Central	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 11	Hinds (Homecoming)	Wesson	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 16	Holmes	Wesson	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 23	Southwest	Summit	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 30	Pearl River	Wesson	7:00 p.m.

Literature, Lore, and Lyrics of the Mighty Mississippi

By Carolyn Vance Smith, NLCC Co-Chairman

Welcome aboard!

A very exciting and unique travel experience awaits alumni, family and friends of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. An eight-day, fun-filled trip will explore the Deep South's extraordinary creative legacy through fascinating programs, concerts, films, and shore excursions in keeping with the theme, "Literature, Lore, and Lyrics of the Mighty Mississippi."

This trip will take place April 6-13, 2004, onboard America's only floating hotel, the luxurious and spacious RiverBarge Excursion Lines River Explorer.

The trip is sponsored by Co-Lin's Olympic Award-winning Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, an annual conference that has won fame as the South's most outstanding humanities forum. Proceeds from the trip will help fund the conference's newly established endowment.

Limited to 160 guests, this trip will begin in New Orleans and go up the mighty Mississippi River, stopping for shore excursions in Baton Rouge, Natchez, and Vicksburg, before ending with a day in Memphis.

Highlights include programs and films by noted Southern writers, scholars, historians, storytellers, film experts, and musicians; guided excursions in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Natchez, Vicksburg, and Memphis; concerts, films, and time to enjoy the mighty Mississippi.

Onboard during the excursion will be Co-Lin President Howell Garner and Mrs. Garner as well as longtime Co-Lin educator and NLCC founder, Carolyn Vance Smith of Natchez, who organized the trip.

Among participating program presenters are:

- Co-Lin alumna Tricia Walker, singer/songwriter of Nashville, who recently was inducted into the Co-Lin Literary Hall of Fame
- Charles Reagan Wilson of the Center of the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi
- Ole Miss historian David Sansing
- Ole Miss alum Greg Iles of Natchez, author of *24 Hours*
- Storyteller and humorist Sarah McLaurin Vahlkamp, Danville, Ky., and Natchez
- Emmy Award-winning screenplay writer/director/actor Stuart Margolin (*Rockford Files*) of Natchez
- Eudora Welty scholar Peggy Whitman Prenshaw of Louisiana State University, who will focus on *The Ponder Heart*
- Pulitzer Prize nominee and Mississippi native Clifton



Taulbert of Tulsa (*Last Train North*, *Eight Habits of the Heart*)

- William Faulkner scholar Noel Polk of the University of Southern Mississippi, who will focus on *The Reivers*
- A New Orleans jazz band, a spiritual music choir, a rock 'n' roll duo, and a jug band

While docked, shore visits include the French Quarter in New Orleans, the Old Capitol Museum in Baton Rouge, historic mansions in Natchez, the Vicksburg National Military Park, and colorful Beale Street in Memphis.

Discussions and films will also explore Louisiana's Huey P. Long, John Barry's *Rising Tide*, and Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men*.

While onboard, guests will enjoy first-class comforts, service, food, and amenities. All accommodations on the River Explorer are identical with comfortable, 200-square-foot staterooms featuring large picture windows. Rooms have either twin beds or a queen bed, a full bath with tub and shower, mini-fridge, telephone, TV/VCR, coffeemaker, hair dryer, radio, binoculars, and lots of storage.

Staterooms are on two decks, Royal (lower) and Platinum (upper). Platinum Deck rooms have a small balcony. A limited number of single rooms are available on each deck. A third, open-air SkyDeck runs the entire 600-foot length of the vessel. Rates per person range from \$2526 to \$4101. Price includes eight days aboard the River Explorer, all meals, 24-hour snacks and soft drinks, all shore excursions, all guides, all entertainment, welcome aboard and farewell cocktail parties, a wine tasting, a cooking demonstration, and all tips.

To register, send a deposit of \$500 per person to Educational Travel Associates, Inc., PO Box 1307, Natchez, MS 39121. Put on the check what the deposit is for. Registrants will receive information about optional pre and post 24-hour packages in New Orleans and Memphis and motor coach transportation back to New Orleans on the last day.

Information is available by calling 601-446-1289 or toll-free 1-866-296-NLCC (6522) or by e-mailing Christy.Williams@colin.edu. Further information is available at two web sites: www.colin.edu/nlcc/nlcc-on-the-river and www.riverbarge.com.



Remembering Miss Zelle Weems - A Co-Lin Icon

By Burlian Walker

The long and useful life of Miss Zelle Weems came to an end on June 11, 2003 at her residence in Forest, Mississippi. Miss Weems was 94 years old at the time of her death. She was born in Sun in Scott County to William Lafayette and Molly Thompson Weems.

An icon at Co-Lin for 24 years, she was a psychology instructor who came to Wesson in 1947 and taught for 24 years, retiring in 1974. She previously taught at East Central Junior College for 14 years and one and a half years at Bay Springs.

Anyone who ever had her as an instructor at Co-Lin will remember how she related experiences to her teaching. This writer can still just see her getting out of class, going home to change clothes, and putting her cane fishing pole on her car and taking off to the campus pond (where the driving range at the golf course is now located). She indeed loved fishing.

A longtime sponsor of Co-Lin's Future Teachers of America chapter, the group established a scholarship in her honor after her retirement, which was later endowed by family members.

When her numerous nieces and nephews were in college, she financially helped each one. She did this on a low salary that was paid to teachers at the time. When she retired and built a home in Forest, those same nieces and nephews furnished her home for her contributions to their education and successes. Many professional nieces and nephews loved her as a second mother.

This same group gave her a huge 85th birthday party several years ago and at that time a van filled with Co-Lin folks who had worked with her attended the celebration. She was thrilled that day that those from Co-Lin, along with numerous retired personnel who lived elsewhere attended. On her 90th birthday in 1999 she called Alton and Jean Ricks, both longtime Co-Lin employees who are now retired, and asked Alton to come to Forest to bring her to Wesson to spend the day. The Ricks enter-

tained several Co-Lin and Wesson and Brookhaven folks who shared the day with her. She loved Co-Lin with all her heart and often spoke to folks she had worked with. When I had lung cancer and had surgery and had gone to my sister's home in Laurel for a few weeks, Miss Weems heard about it and took time to locate me to tell me she was praying for me. I appreciated that gesture so much.



Miss Zelle Weems

Zelle Weems was one of a kind. When God made her, I am sure He broke the mold. She was a concerned, dedicated, loving individual. She cared for her students. She cared for those she worked with at Co-Lin. She loved her family. She loved Co-Lin. She often worked on decorations for homecoming and one time made several hundred flowers from tissue for the event. She often made clothes and other items for faculty children. She made Christmas decorations for friends and after her retirement sent several of us boxes of homemade decorations.

She was a graduate of Lake High School, and she attended Hinds Junior College and Mississippi University for Women (now MUW). She did graduate work at the University of Missouri and George Peabody College and received her master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Preceding her in death were her parents and seven siblings. One sister, Bessie Lois Weems Wilkins of Tupelo, survives. She was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Zelle Weems was indeed an icon at Co-Lin.

Laura Zelle Weems Memorial Scholarship Fund

A \$25,000 endowed scholarship fund has been established at Copiah-Lincoln Community College from the estate of Ms. Laura Zelle Weems.

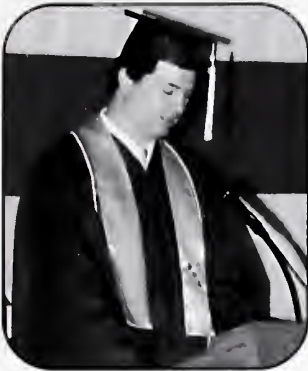
The fund will be used to provide an award equal to full tuition to an incoming freshman. In order to qualify for selection, the student must be an incoming freshman, be enrolled as a full-time student on the Wesson Campus, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, have a minimum ACT score of 18, and possess leadership qualities as evidenced by participation in extra-curricular activities.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation, Inc., and recipient selection will be made by the Co-Lin Scholarship Committee. Applications will be available in the Department of Financial Aid.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this scholarship fund should make their check payable to the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation and mail to: Charlotte Hill, Executive Director, Co-Lin Foundation, Post Office Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191.

Natchez Campus News - Spring Semester

By Mark LaFrancis, Director of Public Information, Natchez Campus



Graduate Micheal Anderson of Natchez introduces commencement speaker Secretary of State Eric Clark

The 31st Commencement for the Natchez Campus was held for the first time at the Natchez Convention Center. And, in honor of the college's 75th anniversary the ceremony included a commencement speaker, Secretary of State Eric Clark.

The campus set yet another record for graduates: 170.

This summer, approximately 30 community, government and civic leaders attended a Community Leader's Appreciation Luncheon.

Also this summer, the Natchez campus was one of the sites for the Mississippi Access to Rural Care Program for the third consecutive year. Four health care students from around Mississippi attended classes at the campus and observed health care professionals at local hospitals.

In June, the campus kicked off its annual Kids College. Programs included Arts and Crafts, Kids on the Net, Computing

for Kids, Science for Young Scientists, Acting Up (where students learned about acting and presented a performance), Math for Fun, and Adventures in Reading.

Two new staff members joined the campus: Nancy McLemore was appointed director of the Willie Mae Dunn Library and Russell Archer was hired as instructor of the Hospitality/Tourism Management Technology Program.

Final approval was received during the quarter for the campus to start a Heating and Air Conditioning Technology Program for the fall 2003 semester. The instructor will be Bob Savino from the Wesson campus.

Another program that is new to the fall schedule is the Medical Coding and Billing Technology, which will be taught in the Career and Technical Education Center.

Throughout the spring and summer, Co-Lin has participated in Mississippi's Rapid Response Team assisting former employees of International Paper's Natchez Mill who wish to explore educational opportunities and retraining. IP closed its 650-worker mill on July 31. A former mill manager, Bob Taylor, along with other ex-IP employees have been discussing with IP and business and government officials ways the mill could still keep operating.

Alumni

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Rev. Graham Hodges, '35, is a retired Congregational minister. His resume includes 14 pastorates in Central New York and 19 published books, six or seven of which came after his 80th birthday. He was recently honored at the Celebration of Ministry dinner June 7, 2003 as the recipient of an award for Excellence in Pastoral Ministry. This award is given in recognition of outstanding service as a local church pastor, chaplain, activist, and author.

Mary Elizabeth Godbold Dillard, '45, is presently serving as State President of MS Retired Teachers Association. She is also a member of Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, coordinator of adult ministries, Loy delegate to annual conferences, Sunday school teacher, member of the Chautauqua Garden Club and Crystal Springs Floral Club.

Sara Conerly Bruce, '49, and her husband, Maxie Bruce of Mendenhall were honored recently for the establishment of the Maxie Bruce Scholarship Fund at Mississippi State University. Mr. Bruce was a 1950 graduate of Mississippi State University and taught Vocational Agriculture.

Vera L. Lucky Robinson, '57, just completed 44 years in edu-

cation and has retired this year. Robinson has been a SPED director, a principal, a psychometrist, and a classroom teacher. She is married to Billy Bryant Robinson and they have one son David and one grandson, Christopher. She is interested in finding her classmates from the years of 1955-1957.

Don Presley, '74, teaches 6th grade science at Loyd Star High School.

Kevin W. Laird, '87, married Robin Griffith of Orlando, Florida, December 14, 2002. Laird is a purchasing agent for The Human Performance Company, Inc. in Brookhaven.

Sharon Thompson, '89, is the Center Director with Friends of Children of MS, Inc. Early Intervention Center.

Jared R. Landry, '89, of Conroe, TX has accepted a position with Shell South Africa, an affiliate of the Royal Dutch Shell Group. Jared will reside in Cape Town, South Africa for the next two years on this expatriate assignment.

Malcolm Jeffrey Emfinger, '92, is the new maintenance/test engineer for Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association in

Tracking the Classes

Columbia, MS. He is married to Stacy Nettles, '92, they have one son, Logan, and are expecting a new baby in October.

Jarett Rodriguez, '93, went on the Louisiana Tech where he graduated in 1995 with a BS in Business Management and Northeast Louisiana where he earned his Masters in 1997. He is currently employed as Vice President of Falcon Steel Structures, Inc. and a member of the part-time faculty for Southeastern Louisiana University. Rodriguez married Sherry Seamon of Baton Rouge on October 26, 2002.

Susan Caul Guess, '93, is teaching 10th grade English at Franklin County High School in Winchester, TN. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1996. Susan is married to Chris Guess, a resident of Winchester, who is also a teacher and football coach at FCHS. They have one daughter, Kristen Gail. She is working toward a masters in School counseling at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN.

Alise Blackwell Acker, '93, is a 1995 graduate of Mississippi College. She is married to John Acker of Oxford, MS. They are the proud parents of three children.

Sandra Roberts Hyde, '96, is teaching at Magee Elementary. She is married to Randy Hyde and they have one child, Mason Hyde.

Laura Winston, '98, graduated in May of 2003 with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in English at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Business Technology Education.

Lenora Lee Grayson, '98, graduated in May with a Masters Degree in physical therapy from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She is employed by Tri Star Rahab as a physical therapist at The Windham House in Hattiesburg, MS.

Alice Michelle Roberts, '98, relocated to Toledo, Ohio from Eddiceton, MS. She now works for the Taste of Home cooking school. She travels as a Home Economist performing cooking demonstrations in front of audiences ranging from 500 to 2500 in attendance. She travels in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania.

Kara Fionna Brown, '98, will be getting married on September 6, 2003, and is currently a business analyst at Data-Tronics Corporation in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Philip Conley of Meadville '00 was a member of the six-member Mississippi State University engineering team that won a regional competition to design and construct a robot capable of maneuvering and performing specific tasks in a maze. Twenty-five other groups competed at the annual Region 3 SeCon Hardware Design Challenge held in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Kimberly S. Rawlings, '01, is currently attending Alcorn State University, but will transfer soon and major in marketing.

Shelia K. White, '02, graduated with an associate of applied science degree in marketing management technology. She is a substitute teacher for the Natchez-Adams County school district. She is currently taking classes at Louisiana Technical College in Ferriday, LA.

Deaths

Julian Stennis ('49) died December 11, 2002 in Meridian. Mr. Stennis was a World War II Veteran, member of the Co-Lin Wolves football team, 1947-1949. He was a Presbyterian minister and nephew of deceased longtime U. S. Senator John C. Stennis.

Joel Munson Smith, Co-Lin High School ('51) and Co-Lin Junior College ('53), died January 10, 2003. She was a long time resident of Ponchatoula, LA, and was prominent in that city's historical preservation and other civic interests.

James Leslie Reeves, Sr., ('47), 75, died April 15, 2003. He was a former member of the Co-Lin faculty, having taught music for four years in the early 50's and having served 30 years as chair of the Hinds Community College Raymond campus music department, from 1956 to his retirement in 1986. He was an active member of the Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association. The Brookhaven native began his teaching career in 1951 at Lloyd Star School in Lincoln County where he taught music to grades 1 through 12 for one year.

Miss Nancy Hamilton, 87, native and lifelong resident of Wesson died February 9, 2003. She was an ardent supporter of the community.

Gennie Fred Watson, 85, former maintenance employee.

Margaret C. Tyson, 97, Senior Aide and cafeteria employee.

Zelle Weems, 94, passed away Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Visitation was at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Forest. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Carr United Methodist Church in Forest with burial in the church cemetery. She taught psychology at Co-Lin for 24 years and was a long-time advisor to Future Teachers of America. The Co-Lin Foundation has a scholarship established in her name.

Frank "Sonny" Walker, ('56), 66, died June 12, 2003.

Martha Farr Bonds, ('63), 59, died July 31 in Natchez, her hometown. She was selected Most Beautiful at Co-Lin. A talented musician, she lived in Fayette with her husband. She was survived by her two sons, three grandchildren, and three stepchildren.



Special Introductory Offer

Memorial Bricks - \$100.00 each until the supply is depleted (approximately 500 bricks). Bricks will be placed in the wall of the foyer of the Instructional Technology Building. Net proceeds from brick sales will support the FY2003-04 Annual Fund for Co-Lin. The Annual Fund supports scholarships, faculty enhancements, and priority needs of the college.

Each brick can hold two lines of characters, with a limit of 14 characters per line. Spaces between letters count as one character. All inscriptions are in capital letters. When ordering you own brick, consider ordering additional bricks for classmates, friends, and family.

TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BRICKS ORDERED TOGETHER WILL BE PLACED TOGETHER IN THE WALL.

Mail check or money order for \$100.00 per brick payable to the address below.

The CLCC Foundation Memorial Brick Project
P.O. Box 649
Wesson, MS 39191

Name _____ Address _____

Phone: () _____ Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ bricks.

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Brick Order #3

Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 4

Co-Lin Wolves vs. Mississippi Delta in Moorhead 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

Co-Lin Wolves vs. Coahoma in Clarksdale 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 15

Aficionado Concert - Norem Brass Quintet, Rea Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 18

Co-Lin Wolves vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast in Stone Stadium, Wesson 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

Women's Homecoming Golf Tournament, Wolf Hollow Golf Club 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 27

Co-Lin Wolves vs. Jones County in Ellisville 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 29

Showcase Series Concert - Rosangela Sebba, Pianist in Fine Arts Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

Trillium Beauty Pageant, Rea Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

Premiere of 75th Anniversary Video, The Thames Center 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.

Friday, October 10

Men's Homecoming Golf Tournament, Wolf Hollow Golf Club 12 noon

Saturday, October 11, Homecoming Day

(complete list of Homecoming activities on page 3 inside)

Monday and Tuesday, October 13-14

Fall Break

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